

Torrance Steel Executive Transferred to Pittsburgh

William T. Ayres has been appointed assistant to the general superintendent at U.S. Steel's Pittsburgh Works, Columbia-Geneva Division, it was announced today by C. C. Morgan, general superintendent. Ayres goes to Pittsburgh from the company's Torrance Works, where he has been superintendent—engineering and maintenance.

A graduate of Cornell University in 1940 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, Ayres worked as an engineer in the East until 1944 when he entered military service as a naval officer.

He joined U.S. Steel in 1946 at Pittsburgh, Pa., and later that same year was transferred to Columbia-Geneva's engineering office in Oakland. He came to Pittsburgh Works in 1950 as a senior project development engineer and the following year was sent to Torrance Works as general supervisor of project engineering. He held various engineering positions at that plant before becoming superintendent—engineering and maintenance in 1956.

Ayres recently attended the executive development program sponsored by Stanford University and is a member of the American Institute of Steel Engineers. He is active as a leader in the Boy Scout program.



WHERE'S THE PLUG? Bob Taylor, standing, and Richard Ruzicki man boat as they try to unclog storm drain on Anshel St., east of Crenshaw Blvd. Street, which serves Palos Verdes Bowling Alley and Horkey Moore Associates, was flooded and Ruzicki's car was stranded. —Press Photo

City Drops Water Battle

Councilmen hastily backed away from threatened water fights after they got their feet wet in exploring the problem.

At an informal discussion of a proposed resolution which serves notice on private water companies that the city intends to provide water to all future subdivisions, the council tabled it for several weeks.

This came following discussion involving the service with municipal water of a new subdivision being readied in West Torrance by Don Wilson.

Costs and legal difficulties in such a proposal were outlined by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier and Water Superintendent Angus McVicar.

Planning Commission

In other actions, Mayor Albert Isen ordered discussion of the proposed reduction of Planning Commission members from nine to seven on next week's agenda.

Also revealed were possible future annexations to Torrance of a parcel north of the Howard Territory, facing Crenshaw Blvd. north to Lomita Blvd. and east to Pennsylvania Ave., and an area north of Redondo Beach Blvd.

Hazard Hearing

The City Council set a hearing on a proposed ordinance declaring portions of South Torrance a hazard area, because of poor water pressure, for Jan. 27 at 8 p.m.

Councilman George Bradford called for the improvement of city entrances, and particularly stressed improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. at the north city limits.

The Council also ordered a resolution commending Police- men Tom Woodridge and Jerry Snyder for heroic action in saving two persons in a fire which broke out after a three-car collision.



CLOSE-UP—The sidewalk in the slide area is undermined as tons of earth slide down the embankment and into the ocean north of Vista del Mar Tuesday. —Press Photo

Konya Should Be Grandma, Rather Than Sister City

Konya, Turkey, could well be great, great, great grandmother, rather than a sister city, to Torrance, if judged by the age of the two municipalities which have been, linked by a bond of city-to-city friendship.

That historical fact was made clear by M. Sitti Bilgin, mayor of Konya, in a letter he sent to Torrance's Mayor Albert Isen.

In his communication, which was translated this week, the Turkish city chief points out that Konya was founded between 1200 and 1400 B. C. and had been part of several empires.

The letter not only invites Torrance city councilmen and citizens to come over for a visit but also points out some facts about the city.

120,000 People

Konya covers approximately 53 square miles and is located on an elevation of 3000 feet. The population is approximately 120,000 and is the commercial and agricultural center of a vast plain. The city itself is governed by a council of 33, which in turn elects one of its members as mayor.

Mayor Bilgin points out that his city is currently undergoing a period of rapid growth and development.

Dervish Origin

One of his special sources of civic pride is that the philosopher Mevlana, whose whirling dervishes brought fame to Konya, is buried there.

He said that the Torrance city council will soon receive a formal resolution from his council accepting the sister city program.

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It Takes Lots of Metal to Drill an Oil Well

It takes nearly a million-and-a-half pounds of steel to drill an oil well 10,000 feet deep, according to a compilation by The National Supply Company. The figures are based on using a National Type 80-B Rig, with a nominal drilling depth range of 8,000 to 12,000 feet.

In addition to the draw works, such a rig includes a drive group with three engines and torque converters, and three slush pumps, for a total weight of 208,000 pounds. The recommended 136-foot mast with its substructure and accessories adds another 185,000 pounds. Rig

Hurt in Collision

A mother and daughter were injured in a two-car collision at Manuel and Post Sts. Monday morning.

Mrs. Suzanne Olvera, 23, of 1633 Post, and her daughter, Suzanne, 2, were treated by a private physician. Officers said the other machine was driven by Phillip Drake, 22, of 2140 W. 21st St., Los Angeles.

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accessories, including the rotary, blocks, swivel, kelly, tongs, slips, elevators, and bushings, equal 40,000 pounds.

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